MINUTES AND REPORT

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MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA LTD.

held at Yarra Room, Olympic Park, Melbourne 14th August 1984, commencing 5.50 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr. J. N. Black	Chairman
Mr. R. D. Harper	
Mr. E. J. Long	
Mr. B. H. Macintosh	
Mr. J. Mitchell	
Mr. J. Rigby	
Mr. M. Rundle	
Mr. M. Sevior	
Mr. I. Symons	
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson	Executive Officer

Apology for absence received from Mr. O. J. Slattery.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held 16th July 1984, having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record of that meeting and adopted.

Moved: Mr. Long
Seconded: Mr. Mitchell

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.i Minute 3.iii - Meeting with Government Committee

Efforts to obtain early date for this meeting not successful. Phosphate Co-operative and Murray Goulburn Co-operative agree to be included in Federation representation.

3.ii Minute 4.iii

Submission made to Minister for Consumer Affairs re Bendigo Trading Co-operative request for special consideration on packaging of foodstuffs.

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3.iii Minute 14

Dinner for Directors, Staff and wives, with guest the Registrar of Co-operative Societies held 3rd August 1984 at no cost to the Federation.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.i From Thorpdale Co-operative advising sale of business and termination of need of membership of Co-operative Federation.

4.ii From Registrar

expressing appreciation for hospitality at Directors' Dinner.

4.iii From E. J. Long

expressing appreciation for action in preparation of citation for and subsequent presentation of bound record of the citation papers for his Award of the Medal in the Order of Australia.

To "Herald" and "Weekly Times"

re incorrect inference on use of the word 'Co-op.' as article headline relating to a non Co-operative event. Verbal apology received from Editor.

5. FINANCIAL

The audited accounts for the financial year ending 30th June 1984 including

Income and Expenditure Statement Co-operative Federation

Income and Expenditure Statement Employment Co-operative Development Programme

Balance Sheet
Statements accompanying accounts
Auditor's Report
Directors' Report

were presented to the meeting, discussed and received. Messrs. Black and Rundle were authorised to sign the Directors' Report on behalf of the Board.

6. 1984 CONFERENCE

The Board noted that 82 nominations were received. It was considered more mixing of delegates would be desirable with the lunch break seating to be planned to allow one Director to be present at each table of assorted representatives of Co-operatives.

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1984 CONFERENCE (continued)

Conference seating to be behind tables, preferably in semi-circular seating.

Combining Conference and Annual General Meeting was again considered.

The Board resolved

To establish a Committee comprising

J. Mitchell
J. Rigby
R. Harper
I. Symons

and Executive Officer

to prepare plan for 1985 Conference which would combine the Annual General Meeting of the Federation and to submit recommendations to the Board on proposed date, venue, format of the 1985 Conference.

Moved: Mr. Long
Seconded: Mr. Macintosh.

7. CENTRAL BANKING

Reply from Victorian Credit Co-operative Association outlining requirements needed to prepare firm proposal for Board consideration on use of that Association as the vehicle for operating a central banking system was tabled. Advice of meeting with National Bank representative to obtain proposals from that institution on operating a central bank scheme was given.

The Board noted that day's public announcement of Credit Unions being granted access to the cheque clearing system through the National Bank.

8. SUPERANNUATION

Correspondence to CFA in accordance with Minute 9 of July Board Meeting and reply was received.

The Board directed

that the matter of proposed superannuation scheme be included on the agenda of the next meeting of Council of the CFA and the Victorian delegates press for consideration of a scheme which would allow portability into and portability out of business both within and outside the Co-operative sector.

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9. 1984 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Board resolved

> *that the 1984 Annual General Meeting be held in the Federation's office to commence at 4 p.m., and not 2.15 p.m. as advised in the notice of the meeting - the venue and changed time to be advised to Members when issuing the Annual Report and audited accounts.*

10. MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION

The submission recommended by the Legislation Committee, and agreed by Directors in response to the Information Paper issued by M.A.C.C., was submitted to M.A.C.C. on 4th August 1984 and a copy was tabled at the meeting.

The Executive Officer reported on the meeting of M.A.C.C. held 10th August 1984.

A response is required from the Federation on the Worker Co-operative Policy Review prepared by Transational Co-operative Ltd. for the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales.

Mr. Rawlinson, as a member of M.A.C.C., has been requested to chair the consultative enquiries with Trading/Producer/Marketing Co-operatives to identify issues confronting co-operatives and to recommend responses to these issues to assist Co-operative development in Victoria.

11. CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

Next meeting of Council set for 20th September 1984 in Brisbane. It was agreed the matter of Victorian representation at that meeting will be resolved at the September meeting of the Board. The Board noted advice of the appointment of Mr. Bob Beasley, U.S.A., as the new Director, International Co-operative Alliance.

In addition to the item 'Superannuation' referred to in '8' above the following items should be submitted for inclusion in the agenda of the September 1984 meeting of the CFA Council.

1. Comments on and any action required by the submission of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria to the Victorian Government dated July 1984.

2. Recommend early visit to Australia by new Director I.C.A.

3. Development of Federal Farmer Co-operative Service in Department of Primary Industry.

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12. C.F.V. FUTURE DIRECTIONS MEETING

The Board agreed to change the date agreed at the July Board meeting for this special meeting from Sunday, 7th October to Tuesday, 16th October from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The sub-committee to plan this meeting will meet on 6th, 7th or 13th September 1984.

13. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Since last Board Meeting, and in addition to final detailed arrangements for 1984 Conference, the Executive Officer has participated in the following meetings -

Legislation Committee to prepare recommendations on Federal submission to M.A.C.C.

2 meetings with Registry Staff as 'end user' input into Departmental service planning

2 meetings Greenwood High School on subject of Co-operative for students

Annual General Meeting, Victorian Trading Co-operatives Assocn.

Guest at Annual General Meeting, Y.C.W. Co-operative

Meeting with at request of Secretary, Committee for Promotion of Aid to Co-operatives, F.A.O., Rome

Discussions with second year commerce students, La Trobe University on their assignment

"Why Victorian Agricultural Co-operatives did not transfer to the Co-operation Act, 1953".

14. NEXT MEETING

This was set for Monday, 17th September 1984. Messrs. Mitchell and Long offered apologies for inability to attend that meeting due to absence from the State.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.45 p.m.